

## Dr. Manoj Patairiya

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Currently, Dr. Patairiya is serving as Director (Scientist 'F'), at National Council for Science & Technology Communication.

Dr. Manoj Patairiya did his M.Sc. in Zoology (Environmental Biology) and M.Sc. (Tech.) and Ph.D. in Science & Technology Communication. He also did Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism & Mass Communication and M.B.A. in Human Resource Development.

He is the editor of an international journal titled "Indian Journal of Science Communication". He has authored a number of books on science communication, science journalism and popular science topics.

Dr. Patairiya's professional interests included popular science writing, TV and radio anchoring and imparting training to budding science journalists, especially in vernaculars. So far, he has conducted over 200 workshops training around 10000 trainees, including journalists, writers, scientists, teachers, students and science activists, etc. He is a practicing science communicator and is deeply involved in academics and research in science communication and teaches science communication at various universities/ institutions as Visiting Faculty. He is actively associated with the Indian Science Writers' Association (ISWA). On the event of so-called Milk Miracle (idols drinking milk) in 1995, he took initiative and investigated the hoax and reported the scientific principle behind the phenomenon on Doordarshan news.

Dr. Patairiya has been honoured by a number of national and international awards and recognitions; the most recent ones are 'International Award for Global Advancement of Science Popularization 2003' by Centre for Global Studies, c/o NASA, Texas, USA and 'Dr. B.C. Deb Memorial Award for Science Popularization 2000' by Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata.

Dr. Patairiya is the recipient of prestigious 'Senior Media Fellowship' by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency and 'Konrad Adeneaur Fellowship' by Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines. He is very much interested and dedicated to the cause of developing science communication profession.

Besides his innovative endeavours in the area of science communication, he has two Indian Patents to his credit.

The New Initiatives, taken by Dr. Patairiya, are- i) Indian Journal of Science Communication, ii) Training for science communication through cultural events, iii) Training for science communication through digital media, iv) Public debates on emerging areas/ issues in science and technology, v) International cooperation in S&T communication.

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